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Dear

It has been decided to hold the Annual Conference this year at Brighton from Nov. 2nd - 6th, and the Committee earnestly hope that you and your Branch Representative will make every effort to be present and to urge your members to do so. Full particulars and programmes will be forwarded later, but I am letting you know the dates thus early in order that you may make a note of them.

A General Meeting, free to all members, will be held in London on May 23rd, 1906, at Grosvenor House (by kind permission of the Duke of Westminster), at which the Bishop of Ripon has consented to give an address. The Council Meeting and the meeting of Branch Secretaries will be held on the same day; particulars of these will be forwarded nearer the date.

May I take this opportunity of reminding you that it is a great help to local Secretaries to receive copies of the Programmes of other Branches, and that in any case our Hon. Organising Secretary, Mrs. Franklin, and myself should each have one as soon as issued. I shall be glad to receive the money for literature sold during 1906, together with a statement of the literature now in hand, as soon as you can conveniently manage this.

The Committee feel that the sale of literature would be greatly increased if local secretaries would make a point of showing it at every meeting. There is usually some young lady who is glad to help in this kind of work, and though the few pence which accrue from the sale of the literature are apparently of no great importance, practically all the pamphlets were originally presented in the form of lectures and as such were considered so valuable as to warrant their being printed in separate form. For this reason the Committee are anxious that all members should have an opportunity of reading them.

The new Catalogue of the Library is now ready and a parcel containing copies of it will be forwarded to you. It has been compiled with some care and expense, and it is hoped that all your members will purchase a copy, price 6d. If it were pointed out to them that the use of this educational library is offered to them as part of the advantages accruing from membership, it is possible that they might value their membership even more than they now do.

You will probably have noticed the new pamphlet on "The Education of Citizens," by Mr. W. Temple, price 4d., which should appeal to many of your members.

The "Parents' Review", as you have doubtless seen, is now being issued in a new form. The colour was altered in order to enable the contents to be printed on the outside; the Committee believe that the outer cover is now more worthy of the magazine. They sincerely hope that every effort is made to induce members to take in the "Parents' Review". Those Branches who make a point of this certainly seem to maintain and increase their membership with much greater success than those who only offer monthly lectures.

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Our Hon. Organising Secretary, in her visits to Branches and in conversations with members, has ascertained that many, even members of Committee, are not cognisant of the 'Home Education Series' in its new form and with its new volumes. The publishers, at their request, are sending you a copy of the Series "on sale or return". My Committee feel that it would be a great advantage if members of Branch Committees could follow the Reading Course, consisting of this Series, and become "qualified members". They would also respectfully suggest that where funds allow of it the Branch should purchase one set of the Series, both as specimens from which to sell others and also to lend among their members.

May I also remind you that notes of lectures given for insertion in the "Parents' Review" should reach me not later than the 16th of the month and that such notes should not, unless for some exceptional reason, exceed 200 words, as my space in the Review is limited each month.

The Committee would be much obliged if you would read this letter at your next Committee Meeting.

With best wishes for the success of your work,

Believe me,